Hospital in Bihar, and selling them in market, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to check this heinous practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The State Government of Bihar have informed that the case of alleged blinding of some inmates of the Ranchi Mental Hospital was enquired into by a three member committee consisting of Regional Development Commissioner, Ranchi, Director of Health Services, Government of Bihar and Professor and Head of Department, Ophthalmology, Patna Medical College Hosiptal. On the basis of the recommendation of the Committee, the whole matter had been referred to the Criminal Investigation Department by the State Government, for a deeper probe. The State Government will, no doubt, take necessary action on the findings of the report of the C.I.D. when it becomes available.

Deaths due to Japanese encephalitis

2418. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of deaths that took place due to Japanese encephalitis in the country during the last three years, figures year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to contain the killer disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per reports received from the State Health authorities, the number of deaths due to Japanese encephalitis during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise is as under:—

State	1984	1985	1986
Assam	19	12	311
Andhra Pradesh	236	116	603
Bihar	90	112	73
Goa	..	1	..
Karnataka	30	57	185
Manipur	2	2	8
Nagaland	..	21	..
Pondicherry	..	..	2
Tripura	31	..	..
Tamil Nadu	167	32	432
Uttar Pradesh	..	409	616
West Bengal	830	154	345
	1405	916	2575

(b) The following steps have been taken to contain the disease;

Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme is regularly collecting and analysing the incidence reports from various States|Union Territories.

2. All the States|Union Territories have been requested to spray BHC/DDT in an area 2-3 km. around a case whenever reported.

3. NIV, Pune, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta and National Institute of Communicable Disease, Delhi are involved in the programme for advice|diagnosis of cases.

4. Regional Directors of Health and Family Welfare have been requested to be in constant touch with the States for Japanese Encephalitis control.

5. BHC/DDT and Malathion are supplied by NMEP for control of Japanese Encephalitis outbreak.

6. Fogging|ULV machines are supplied by NMEP to the affected States.

7. Health education on Japanese Encephalitis has been intensified and necessary guidelines have been issued to all States|Union Territories to contain the disease.

Ban on advertisement on cigarette, cigar and pan masala

2419. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to ban cigarette, cigar and pan masala advertisements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to above (a) be in negative, whether Government propose to make the printing of statutory warning on pan masala containers mandatory;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other steps are being taken to reduce the effect of tobacco on public health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) There are no immediate proposals before the Government to ban advertisements on cigarettes, cigar and pan masala, Goverment would not also like to take any hasty decision in this respect without taking into account all the possible repercussion including legal aspects.

(e) A comprehensive plan of action against tobacco use in the country has been prepared and the following measures in this direction has been recently approved by the Government for further action:

(i) Using a universally known danger signal like 'Crossed Bones and a Skull' on every cigarette packet|carton, and advertisement of every tobacco product including beedi, chewing tobacco, tobacco based pan masala/Gutka, tobacco based tooth paste/powder etc.

(ii) At present the statutory warning 'Cigarette smoking, is